

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 485

To amend the Small Tracts Act to facilitate the exchange of small tracts of land, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 16, 2007

Mr. DOOLITTLE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To amend the Small Tracts Act to facilitate the exchange of small tracts of land, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Small Tracts Reform
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FACILITATION OF EXCHANGE OF SMALL TRACTS.**

7 (a) EXPANSION OF AVAILABILITY OF LANDS FOR
8 SALE OR EXCHANGE.—Section 3 of Public Law 97–465

1 (16 U.S.C. 521e; section 3 of the Act commonly known
2 as the Small Tracts Act) is amended—

3 (1) by striking “not practicable” and inserting
4 “either not practicable or not expedient”;

5 (2) by striking “, which have a value as deter-
6 mined by the Secretary of not more than
7 \$150,000,”; and

8 (3) in paragraph (1)—

9 (A) by striking “parcels of forty acres”
10 and inserting “parcels or portions of parcels of
11 100 acres”; and

12 (B) by striking “under the mining laws”.

13 (b) RULES OR REGULATIONS NOT REQUIRED.—

14 Nothing in the amendments made by this section shall re-
15 quire the Forest Service to issue rules or regulations prior
16 to any sale, exchange, or interchange under Public Law
17 97–465 (16 U.S.C. 521e et seq.).

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